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For: SUPPLEMENTARY VASCULAR CLAMP FOR THE TOOL KIT OF AN OPEN  
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VIA EFS-WEB

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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PETITION AND FEE FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.17, 1.136(a) AND 35 USC 41(a)8

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by One (1) month. Credit card payment in the amount of \$65.00 is submitted via EFS-WEB for the petition fee in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17 computed as:

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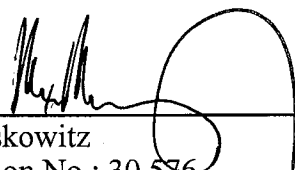
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If this petition is inadequate to avoid abandonment, the Commissioner for Patents is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

Respectfully submitted,

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